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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 090701 - 100700 SEPTEMBER 1962

I. CARIBBEAN

a. THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL SHIPPING/ASW PATROLS SCHEDULED IN THE FLORIDA STRAITS PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS TODAY, 101600Z, ARE TO OPERATE UNDER EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO DEVIATE FROM THEIR FLIGHT PLAN.

THE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR A FLIGHT PATTERN THAT TAKES THE PLANE TO WITHIN 13 MILES OF CUBAN TERRITORY ON PASSING CAYO CRUZ DEL PADRE.

JCS HAS APPLIED THESE INSTRUCTIONS ALSO TO THE FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR 101600Z TAKE OFF.

WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
WASH DC 092326Z (C)
JCS 100139Z (C)

b. COMMANDER, KEY WEST FORCES STATED THAT THE INCIDENT OF HARRASSMENT OF 2 NAVY S2F AIRCRAFT ON 8 SEPTEMBER BY AN UNIDENTIFIED JET WAS HOSTILE IN NATURE AND THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE TIME IS FAST APPROACHING WHEN SUCH INCIDENTS WILL INVOLVE ACTUAL FIRING.

CINCLANTFLT CONCURRED WITH COMKWESTFOR PLAN TO CONTINUE SHIPPING/ASW PATROLS OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS UNTIL FURTHER DIRECTED. THESE PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PAIRS AND WILL NOT

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HAVE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AIR COVER. HOWEVER, FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WILL BE SCRAMBLED TO INVESTIGATE EACH INCIDENT.

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CINCLANTFLT 090430Z (S)
COMKWESTFOR 090105Z (S)
CTG 81.6 021855Z (S)

c. CINCLANT ADVISED JCS THAT CG XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO REVISE HIS ARMY TASK FORCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CINCLANT OPLAN 316-61 (CUBA QUICK REACTION PLAN).

IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FORCES BE INCLUDED IN THE AIR ECHELON OF SUBJECT PLAN :

- (1) PROVISIONAL INFANTRY BRIGADE
- (2) ONE (1) BATTLE GROUP
- (3) TROOP CHARLIE, 17TH AIR CAVALRY
- (4) THREE (3) ARTILLERY BATTALIONS

IT IS FURTHER PROPOSED TO MOVE THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE (1) INFANTRY DIVISION FROM ON CALL FORCES TO A FLOATING RESERVE IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA IN THE SURFACE ECHELON, TO ARRIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER D-DAY.

THE REASON STATED FOR THESE REVISIONS IS THAT THERE PRESENTLY EXISTS AN UNAVOIDABLE TIME GAP BETWEEN THE AIRBORNE ASSAULT AND THE ARRIVAL OF SEABORNE ELEMENTS OF TF 125 (ARMY TASK FORCE). A RAPID BUILDUP OF FORCES IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF PROTECTING THE OBJECTIVE AIRFIELDS AND PORT WHILE RETAINING THE CAPABILITY OF COMMITTING FORCES FOR THE SEIZURE OF HAVANA IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES TO DO SO EARLY.

CINCLANT HAS APPROVED THE ABOVE CHANGES FOR INITIAL PLANNING AND RECOMMENDS JCS APPROVAL.

CINCLANT 081848Z (TS)

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2. ASIA

a. WITH REGARD TO UPI AND OTHER WIRE SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING A U-2 AIRCRAFT INCIDENT OVER CHINA, JCS ADVISED EACH SERVICE CHIEF AND CINCs OF ALL UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMANDS OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) NO DEFENSE PERSONNEL AT ANY LEVEL, REPEAT, AT ANY LEVEL, WILL MAKE ANY COMMENT CONCERNING THESE REPORTS.

(2) ALL INQUIRIES OR STATEMENTS ARE BEING HANDLED BY STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON.

JCS 091756Z (C)
JCS 092123Z (C)

b. COMUSMACV HAS PROVIDED A SPECIAL REPORT ON PROVINCE REHABILITATION AND STRATEGIC HAMLET OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AS OF 302400Z AUGUST 1962. IT IS THE FIRST OF A CONTINUING SERIES THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED BI-WEEKLY. THIS INITIAL REPORT IS INTENDED AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THOSE THAT WILL FOLLOW.

COMUSMACV 081020Z (S)

3. MOVEMENTS

a. BLT 2/2 DEBARKED USS MONROVIA (APA-31) AND ARRIVED CAMP GARCIA, VIEQUES 081600Z.

CTG 45.4 081612Z (C)

b. CO. "A", BLT 1/6 SIXTH MEU IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT CAMP LEJEUNE, TODAY, 10 SEPTEMBER.

CO "A", BLT 1/6 6TH MEU 081652Z (C)

4. DEFCONS

a. CINCAL
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CINCARIB
CINCONAD
CINCEUR
CINCPAC
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FORCES WEST OF 150°
FORCES EAST OF 150°
CINCNELM
CINCSAC
CINCNORAD
CINCSTRIKE
JOINT STAFF

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